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To: Field Managers

From: Deputy State Director, Natural Resources

Subject: Rental and Cost Reimbursement Collection Procedures for Film Permits

With the passage of Public Law 106-206 (Attachment 1) on May 20, 2000, the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture were given the authority to establish a fee system for commercial filming activities on federal lands. Fees collected under the Act are to be made available for expenditure by the generating offices, without further appropriation, similar to the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program.

A Departmental working group is currently developing regulations and a uniform rental fee schedule for all of the affected agencies. Until the new guidance and rental fee schedule has been completed and incorporated into BLM's 2920 regulations, the following interim procedures are to be followed for the collection of fees in connection with film permits.

Rental Fees: Rental fee determinations will continue to be made in accordance with California Information Bulletin No. 92-116, a copy of which is attached for your reference. All rental collected should be temporarily deposited into fund 680. When the new cost coding for film permits has been established, instructions on how to transfer the funds from 680 to the new cost coding structure will follow.

Cost Recovery Fees: Cost recovery fees will continue to be determined and collected in accordance with 43 CFR 2920.6, utilizing the category determination criteria under 43 CFR 2808. All cost recovery fees, including earned monitoring fees, are to be deposited under subactivity 5440. Applications falling under Categories I through IV are to be placed under project number ZNAA, while Category V applications will continue to be assigned individual project numbers. Those offices that have been depositing processing fees into 7122 accounts should discontinue doing so, as all fees deposited under subactivity 5440, including those placed in the ZNAA accounts, are available for expenditure by the generating office.

Field Offices are reminded that the fees generated from the processing of permits and leases, in addition to receipts under subactivities 5101 (Major Category R/Ws) and 5102 (Minor Category R/Ws), are becoming a more significant source of funding to augment the declining 1430 appropriations. It is therefore important to accurately assess the costs associated with processing these lands actions so the fees collected can be used as a continued source of funding to cover future workload and staffing needs, including those programs that provide resource support for lands actions.

Questions regarding collections/expenditures under these subactivities should be directed to the State Office Budget Staff. Questions regarding the procedures outlined for collecting fees in connection with film permits should be directed to Joy Wehking at 916-978-4647 or to David McInay at 916-978-4630.

Signed
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2 Attachments : **Will follow in hard copies.**

- 1 - PL-106-206 - 106th Congress (2 pp.)
- 2 - CA IB 92-116 - Update of Rent Schedule for Commercial Applicants Filming on Public Lands (2 pp.)